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In re Application of: ) Confirmation No. 5381  
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Application No.: 09/629,464 ) Group Art Unit: 2624  
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS ) Mail Stop AF  
AND IMAGE FORMING MEDIUM )

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 13, 2005, (Paper No. 20050823), the period for response to which extends through January 13, 2005, with a petition and one-month extension of time fee submitted concurrently herewith, entry of the following amendments is respectfully requested to place the application in clear condition for allowance or, alternatively, in better form for appeal: